

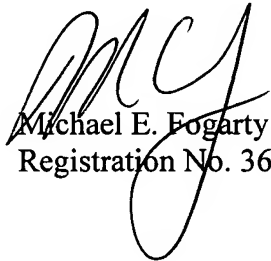
REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claims 8, 18, 19, 26 and 27, without prejudice. Claims 7, 10, 11, 28 and 29 are the remaining claims pending in the application and each of these claims has been indicated to be allowable. As no other issues are pending in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted the application is now in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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